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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/M&S

VIA: ADD/M&S

SUBJECT: Request for Access to Certain Agency Histories

1. This memorandum conveys a recommendation for action on your part. This recommendation is in paragraph 3.
2. The Office of the Comptroller has been asked by John Oliver, OMB, to prepare a paper on the CIA Retirement System. This would be quite a piece of work. As an alternative, the Comptroller has asked the History Staff if we had anything in hand which might give OMB the information they wanted.
3. There are two completed DD/M&S histories (The Development of Retirement Policy in the Central Intelligence Agency, 1947 - 1968 and Personnel Administration, An Overview, 1946 - 1968) which would answer all OMB's questions. The Agency's policy is to be forthcoming as far as OMB is concerned. The History Staff's view is that if we can save the Comptroller a lot of work, we should.
4. There would be a precedent here which I believe we can and should finesse. I do not want this to be the first release of an Agency history outside CIA. I would prefer that the Comptroller give OMB pertinent excerpts from the completed histories, and that they be identified simply as internal CIA studies.
5. I recommend that the two relevant histories be released to the Office of the Comptroller with the stipulation that pertinent excerpts will be made available to the OMB examiner without identifying them as official histories or as parts of completed histories.

Yes OK - /s/JFB 20 Feb 74

No _____

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WALTER ELDER
Chief, CIA History Staff

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